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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: The Position of Propaganda and the Mechanism therefor in the Soviet System

REFERENCE: My Memorandum of 14 June 1958

1. This memorandum is in response to your oral request of 14 June 1958. You will recall that on that date you advised me that the Secretary of State would appreciate our making a study on the position in the Soviet hierarchy of the Soviet Mechanism for propaganda, and our views on the question of whether the Soviets would be in a position to evade or disregard a governmental agreement on the subject of propaganda by the device of a governmental disavowal of responsibility for the actions of the Party.

2. The attached study has been prepared by the PF Staff in coordination with CI [] and appropriate DD/I people and consists of the following items:

- a. Summary entitled "War Propaganda" Summit Agenda Item
- b. Summary of ^{Second} Third Regular Session UN General Assembly Discussions on Propaganda (Sept. 18 - Nov. 8, 1947) (Tab A)
- c. Direction and Organization of Soviet Propaganda (Tab B)
- d. Projected International Communist Journal (Tab C)

3. There is also attached your copy of the June 11th, letter from Khrushchev to the President, (Tab D) which letter it is understood in part raised these questions in the Secretary's mind.

4. It is recommended that you transmit this study to the Secretary by signing the attached memorandum (Tab E).

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